



# Hart Local Plan: Strategy and Sites Submission

12<sup>th</sup> June 2018

- Local Plan submission dates and documents
- Role of the Planning Inspector
- Role of HDC and representors
- What happens next

Note – These slides will be circulated to all Members and Parish/Town Councils

## Submission: Dates and documents

Submission to the Secretary of State on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Submission documents are:

- The Proposed Submission Local Plan and Policies Map (unchanged from February (Reg19 version)
- Schedule of minor modifications
- Sustainability Appraisal
- Statement of Community Involvement
- Consultation Statement
- Duty to Cooperate Statement
- Copies of the representations
- Habitats Regs Assessment
- Evidence base documents

# After Submission

- Examination starts from the day of Submission, no further amendments etc. except at request of Planning Inspector (PI).
- PI appointed by SoS -
- All liaison with the PI (by the Council or representors) through the Programme Officer (Ian Kemp)
- PI will do initial review of Plan

# Role of the Inspector

- Focus on the main issues that the PI considers are fundamental to the soundness of the Plan
  - Identifies the Matters and Issues to be considered at Examination
  - Sets the parameters for additional written material
  - Decides how the Hearing sessions are to be run
  - Determines any Modifications required to make the Plan ‘sound’
  - Produces final written report

# Examination – early stages

- Within 4 weeks (mid July?) the PI will circulate a procedural note to all representors clarifying:
  - role of the Programme Officer
  - status of any modifications
- Procedures and timetable for any additional written material
- Procedures during hearing sessions

# Soundness

Assumption is the submitted Plan is ‘sound’.

Inspector will test if the Plan is:

- **Positively prepared** – meeting development needs
- **Justified** – most (“an”?) appropriate strategy, compared with reasonable alternatives, based on proportionate evidence base
- **Effective** - deliverable
- **Consistent with national policy**

# Hearing Sessions

- Will be held at HDC offices, Fleet
- Expected to start late September, expected to last 2 – 3 weeks
- Appearance at the Hearing will be limited to those who have made representations seeking to change the Plan and where they relate specifically to the agenda set by the PI
- Will be led by PI – round table discussion
- Normally no cross examination – use of legal representation not necessary



# After the Hearings

- No additional written material unless requested by PI
- Possible consultation on any modifications agreed through the Examination process
- Planning Inspector's Report (end of the year?)